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ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Freshmen enrollment up 17 %

By PAULA SMITH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Faster financial aid processing and increased availability of campus tours are the reason freshmen applications for the fall have increased by 17 percent, said Richard Humphrey, director of admissions.

"More people that tour the campus are making applications immediately," Humphrey said. "Financial aid being awarded at an earlier date has been a plus to us. For people looking at other schools, they may decide to go here because they get their approval for financial aid first."

At the Jan. 20 Board of Regents meeting, Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, announced applications for admissions by first-time freshmen stood at 525. Last spring's number was 438.

Other factors Humphrey attributes for the increase are residence hall fees rates being set at an earlier date than ever before as well as admissions counselors focusing on a target group of potential new students.

"All of these factors have stimulated the increase," Humphrey said. "We are very pleased to see this many applications this early."

For the first time last year, the admissions office coordinated visit days when students were out of school but Missouri Southern held classes. A visit day is scheduled this semester for Monday, Feb. 20, President's Day.

"Primarily, we gear the days to get students to come visit the campus," said Robin Hicklin, admissions counselor. "I feel that we have one of the prettiest campuses in the state, and when we can get students to take a tour, many of them will decide to go to school here."

Area high school students have shown more interest in attending Southern, according to Clay Deem, admissions counselor.

"I started here four years ago, and when I would go to Neosho High School, I would get 15 students in to talk to me tops," Deem said. "Now about 40 come to talk to me about going to Southern."

Deem points out that following through on applications is an important part in ensuring that those students come to the College. □

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

'PASSAGE' TO EQUALITY



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Kelsey Productions cast members (left to right) Darleen Owens, Mick Hilgers, Dietra Kelsey, Belinda Kai, and Michael Green "protest" for Huey Newton in a scene from last night's production of the play 'Passage' in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Back in business: Once-defunct group gains new life

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Culturally Speaking, a revamped club on campus, would seem to correspond well with Missouri Southern's recent decision to enhance its international mission.

Tuesday night, the Black Collegians changed its name to Culturally Speaking. The organization was known as the Afro-American Society from its inception in 1971 until it disbanded for a time a decade later.

"The students wanted to change the name to be more inclusive of everyone on campus," said Kelly Binns, counseling services assistant and adviser to Culturally Speaking. "By opening up the organization to everyone, it will

allow them to be a part of the campus and to grow as humans."

Dr. Henry Morgan, associate professor of English and the first Afro-American Society adviser, said membership reached 150 in the 1970s.

"It provided a buffer for the black students who had come from predominately black communities," he said. "It was only five years after the Civil Rights Act had passed, in a time when racial troubles were a norm in the land. It was a settling influence here."

The Afro-American Society was involved in the changing of Broadway Avenue to Langston Hughes Boulevard in Joplin in honor of the black author. The organization also raised \$1,000 as the foundation for the English

department's annual Langston Hughes Award.

Noelle Hill, freshman psychology major, took the first step in getting the organization restarted at Southern. She talked to Binns about the need for a club to provide unity to all students.

Freshman Tyson Franks said he joined the organization to make a difference in his own life as well as others.

"By joining I can find that something in myself, and hopefully by finding it in myself I can help others find the same in themselves," he said.

According to Binns, the organization is about awareness, not just about black culture but about all cultures.

"I think if you have an open mind and want to better the com-

munity and yourself you should come to these meetings," said Michael Dalton, senior sociology major.

Binns said Culturally Speaking would like to get involved with the community, celebrate all cultures, and be more involved in campus activities such as Spring Fling.

"The world is getting too small to have our separate groups," Binns said. "I think we need to develop and celebrate our uniqueness, but how it relates to all of the other cultures, too."

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 in Room 311 of the Billingsly Student Center. Interested persons may contact Binns in Hearn Hall 115 or at Ext. 9363. □

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

New lab garners \$1,000

By APRIL BURR
STAFF WRITER

The establishment of a human performance laboratory is one phase of an effort to create a new major in health promotion and wellness at Missouri Southern.

According to Dr. J. Dirk Nelson, head of the physical education department, the major would qualify students to work in hospitals and community wellness programs and prepare them for graduate school and immediate work in a hospital.

"This has been a trend in the field of physical education for a number of years," Nelson said. "By the end of '95, over 50 percent of large U.S. companies will have work-site health promotion programs."

"We just want to expand our horizons and feel this is a viable route to take."

The Freeman Foundation has provided \$1,000 to be applied toward the purchase of equipment for the development of the human performance laboratory.

The first piece of equipment needed to establish the lab is a \$5,400 Quinton Tread Mill, a sophisticated tread mill designed to track a variety of measurements during exercise.

"A human performance laboratory can be a bit of a costly thing," Nelson said. "We've already spent quite a bit of money developing this new curriculum."

Because money is tight, Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, encouraged Nelson and Dr. Jim Brown, associate professor of English, to come up with a grant to obtain money for equipment.

"Fortunately the people from the Freeman Foundation were gracious enough to give \$1,000 for equipment," Nelson said.

Within four years, 40 or 50 students should be majoring in health performance and wellness, he said.

The proposal still needs to be approved by some College committees, but Nelson said he is glad to see that it has come this far.

"It's the first time the physical education department has ever tried this and been successful," he said. □

GOIN' UP



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Johnny Payton of Joplin puts in time on the backhoe while working on construction of Southern's new Student Life Center.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Construction projects right on schedule

Winter weather fails to delay progress on Student Life Center, Spiva remodeling

By JOHN HACKER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although Joplin's unpredictable winter weather is delaying construction of Missouri Southern's student life center, officials say the project is still on schedule.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said at last month's Board of Regents meeting that weather delays had been included in the estimated completion time.

Contractors still expect to finish the building by April.

"[The contractor] has poured half the floor already, but pouring concrete in January is always a hassle," Tiede said.

Von Brottlund, College drafts-

man and liaison to the architect on the project, said contractors have to wait for a night when the temperature will stay above freezing to pour concrete.

Brottlund said they are installing water and gas lines now and are preparing to install the chillers for the heating and air conditioning system.

Tiede also discussed the remodeling of the Spiva Art Gallery.

"They've completed demolition work and poured footings [for the second floor]," he said. "We're still on target for completion by June 30."

The addition of a new floor will make new space for graphic arts classes and computers. It will also provide a better outlet for

students, faculty, and staff displays.

The remodeling is the result of the move of the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts from campus to Third and Wall in downtown Joplin last year, leaving a vacancy in the building.

The old television studios near the Mansion have received a facelift to increase their usability.

"We've added a couple of restrooms so we can hold classes in that building," Tiede said. "[Emergency Medical Service]

classes are already meeting there, and that will take some of the pressure off [the Justice Center]."

The College is also adding elevators to Spiva Library and Kuhn Hall to bring those buildings into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

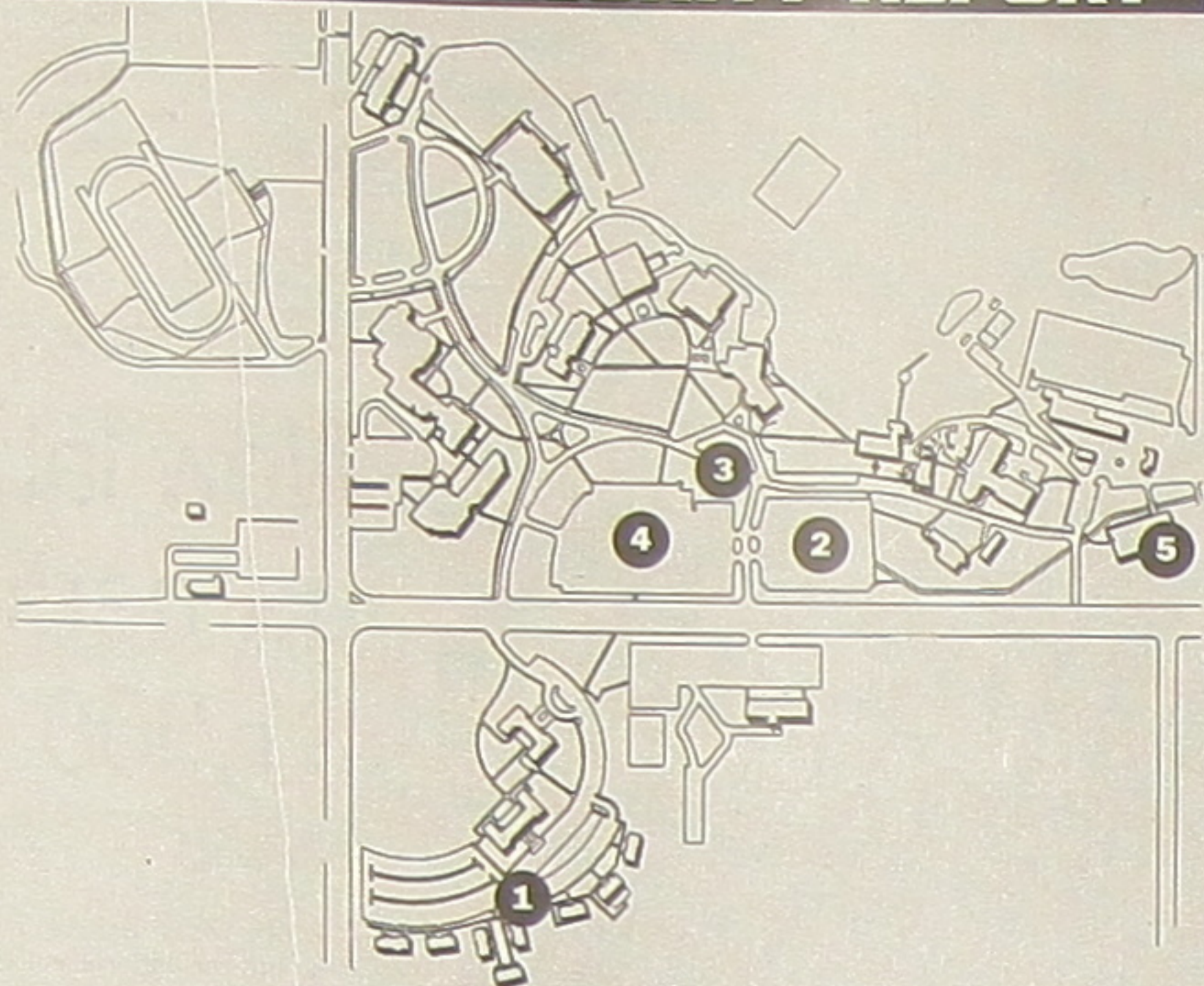
"Those are virtually complete," Tiede said. "They are at least enclosed, so weather is not a factor anymore."

College officials anticipate all projects will finish on time. □

ON TARGET

The following College construction projects are expected to meet their target completion dates:

Student Life Center
Spiva Art Gallery expansion
Mansion (former television studios)
Elevators in Spiva Library and Kuhn Hall

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT

- 1 1/19/95 DRYER HALL 7:30 p.m. Residence Hall Director Deb Gipson notified Campus Security of a broken living room window at apartment D-1. Jesse Field admitted to breaking the window while trying to hit Steve Parrigon with a snowball. The occupants of the apartment confirmed the account.
- 2 1/20/95 LOT 3 3 p.m. A student stepped out of her vehicle and slipped on the ice, hitting her back and head on the ground. She complained of soreness and a headache from the fall, but did not seek medical attention.
- 3 1/25/95 BSC MAIN DRIVE 8:30 a.m. A student reported to Campus Security that she fell on the ice as she was crossing the street in front of the Billingsly Student Center. She complained of back pain and the security officer transported her to the school nurse, who recommended ice packs and Ibuprofen as treatment.
- 4 1/27/95 LOT 39 11:58 a.m. Twyla Peery was backing her 1989 Toyota truck out of a parking space and struck the left front quarter-panel of Cassidy Greene's 1987 Honda Accord.
- 5 1/31/95 UMMEL TECH. 7:25 a.m. Campus Security was contacted by a faculty member who stated that she was approached by an unknown male as she was entering her office. He asked if she was the dentist, and said he wasn't coming back if she wasn't the dentist. He then gave her a ring, saying somebody wanted her to have it. When she asked who, he said "Seek and you shall find." The subject then left the building. The Joplin Police Department was notified.

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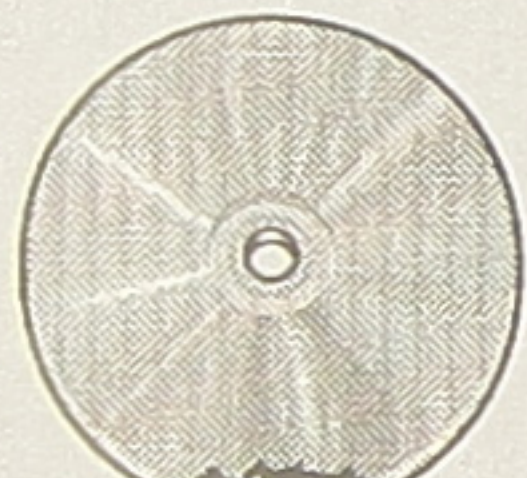
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ASSESSMENT DAY

Seniors to test Feb. 22

By APRIL BURR
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 600 May, July, and December 1995 graduates will assemble on Wednesday, Feb. 22 to participate in Senior Assessment Day. All classes will be cancelled for the testing.

As a requirement for graduation, seniors will take the College Outcomes Measurements Program (COMP) test. This is a standardized timed test, similar to the ACT test given in high school. The results show students' reasoning abilities for life's skills.

Students cannot fail this test. It is a self-evaluation that compares the students' scores with other testers' scores.

Missouri Southern evaluates its need for improvement by students' scores in certain areas.

Every year the faculty is involved

with the testing, and this has proven a positive influence on the testing seniors. Dr. Julio Leon, College president, will speak to the students prior to the test to ensure its importance.

The College will provide breakfast to the morning testers and lunch to the afternoon testers as a thank-you and a motivation for the prospective graduates' cooperation.

"One of the things we are trying to do this year is to make this an efficient experience for the students," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment.

Honey said the COMP test could serve as an additional test for seniors to submit to prospective graduate schools and that most students take the test seriously.

"It's certainly something graduate schools might look at," she said.

The last day to register for Senior Assessment Day is Feb. 16. □

NICE DAY FOR A RIDE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Lou Brunton, freshman secondary education major, locks his bicycle after riding it to class during Wednesday's warm weather.

STUDENT SENATE

Vacancy committee working to fill voids

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Another senator has left the ranks, boosting the total number of vacant seats to five.

Vacancy committee chair Alan Marston reported 11 students have turned in applications, including two freshmen, three sophomores, three juniors, and three seniors.

Students may get Senate applications in the student services office and must return them by noon Tuesday.

"Hopefully, next week we will be able to have [the applicants] present so we can talk to them," Marston said.

In other business, allocations totaling \$2,800 dropped the treasury balance from \$10,250.77 to \$7,450.77.

The Senate allotted \$800 to the College Republicans, \$1,000 to the Model United Nations Club, and \$1,000 to World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE).

WISE will use its newly acquired funds to travel to New Orleans where they will work in inner city schools.

The organization also hopes to open another chapter there.

Senate President Stacy Schoen expressed her admiration of the groups mission.

"It's [WISE] something that started here at Missouri Southern and could spread all over the nation," she said.

In the closing announcements, Schoen invited the presidents and executive members of all campus organizations to attend a presidents' breakfast on March 1. □

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OUR EDITORIALS

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Waiting on the groundhog

Has the bleeding stopped? Finally, after several years of declining enrollment, freshmen applications to the College are up 17 percent. Is this the beginning of an upsurge in enrollment and growth for Missouri Southern or simply a mirage of hope? One might as well bet the farm on the predictions of Puncsatawnie Phil's annual Groundhog Day prognostications. Whether or not America's favorite rodent sees his shadow today, we will have a winter. Whether or not every one of the 525 applicants to Missouri Southern decides to attend college here is problematic.

The decline in enrollments will not be reversed any time soon. The best the College can hope for is a slow but steady climb back to the 6,000-student mark. The best students can expect from such an increase is a tourniquet to the slow financial bleeding of students as the College seeks to increase revenues to meet needs too long ignored by the Missouri General Assembly.

Northwest Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia have already

announced fee increases, and more are expected to follow suit. Don't be surprised if Southern joins their ranks next month.

With declining enrollment came a convenient out for lawmakers who delayed or denied funding increases for higher education. Results and accountability became the buzzwords, and doing better with less became the reality. Now, after the state's colleges and universities have worked to meet the new requirements of the lawmakers and policy makers, they face the added burden of an increasing number of fannies in the classroom seats.

We do not suggest making enrollment figures the criteria for funding. Rather, we suggest funding the state's colleges and universities to accommodate the greater number of students they will be asked to serve.

We look to the Missouri General Assembly like a political groundhog. We urge it to approve and fund the institutions' mission changes and take a long look at whether Missouri higher education will have a spring of growth or more cold winters. □

Culturally Speaking looks ahead

With an enhanced international mission on the College's horizon, we are gratified to see at least one group is looking ahead.

Culturally Speaking, a group which traces its roots back to the Afro-American Society and Black Collegians, has begun taking a proactive role in campus life. By expanding its theme beyond an exclusively African-American theme, this group has taken the first step toward making Southern a truly international campus. By focusing on dialogue and inclusion while including room for pride in our differences, Culturally Speaking is making a legitimate effort to bring everyone together.

This undertaking is not only forward-looking, but also brave. We remember the difficulty other groups with progressive and stereotype-destroying aims have encountered here. The predecessors to Culturally Speaking faced declining membership

and indifference in the 1980s and 90s, and a gay and lesbian organization was forced underground in 1991. We hope Culturally Speaking does not face the same fate.

For too long at Missouri Southern and in Joplin we have been content to live in our cocoons and disregard (or attack) persons or groups with a different point of view. Now, with the coming of the global village, even we provincial folk in southwest Missouri are being forced to assimilate into the growing cultural collective. Gone are the days when the Ozarks was a rural whites only club. Now a cornucopia of cultures lies just beyond the front porch.

With discussion of a possible major in international studies under way, it would behoove all of us to take a look across the fence at our neighbors. Who knows, we may find a friend. □

YOUR LETTERS

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Street signs could make College visitor-friendly

Sitting here—thinking—and came up with an idea that the inner-campus streets and prominent circles, or areas, be named to help visitors find their way around.

The names could be for distinguished faculty, alumni, community leaders, benefactors, pioneers (examples: Judy Conboy St., E.O. Humphrey St., Bob Smith Circle, John Cox Drive, etc.); a dominant building or area (as in Hearnes St., Veterans Circle, Oval

Drive, etc.); area communities/counties (Carthage St., Neosho St., Webb City Drive, Newton Circle, etc.); academic disciplines (such as English St., Library St., Algebra Circle, Biology Drive); and so forth.

Some other thoughts—form a small committee of students, faculty, and friends to mull over suggestions, go through the appropriate channels, get attractive street signs, then invite guests and have a nice campus-wide banquet or

picnic for the unveiling.

There's about two dozen streets, circles, and areas on campus you could consider.

Hey—for want of a name, a person is lost.

Best always,
Larry B. Meacham

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Proud to be Polish

Stereotypes inaccurate; history rich

How did the Polish man break his arm raking leaves? Because he fell out of the tree.

Most people think I would be angry at such a joke because of my Polish descent, but I find it just as humorous as the next person. Every Polish person I've ever met would laugh without experiencing any hard feelings.

One of the most refreshing features of my people is their ability to laugh at themselves.

Sometimes a Polish joke sounds funnier when a Polish person is telling it. My father actually enjoys the attention he gets just for being Polish. It's what makes him unique in the eyes of everyone who knows him. There was always a sly grin on his face when Ivan "Polish Power" Putski appeared on "Wrestling at the Chase" on Sunday mornings. My grandfather used to collect flyers with printed Polish jokes that were circulated around his workplace and store them in a box until he needed a good laugh.

Even though I'm proud of my nationality and last name now, it was agonizing as a kid. Growing up in the St. Louis public school system wasn't easy with a last name that none of the teachers could pronounce. When the other children found out I was Polish, I was deemed an idiot even though I unquestionably had the best grades in the class. And then some of the jokes that followed made it even more difficult to establish any sense of ethnic pride. Whenever a Polish joke was made in class, about 30 faces turned in my direction to stare at me. Not only was I humiliated by my Slavic ancestry, but also ashamed.

Denial was the next stage I experienced in grade school. Because my mother is German and French, I no longer thought

of myself as Polish but as German and French instead. It wasn't until high school that I realized I wasn't only dishonoring myself, but the people who left from Poland to come to America more than 100 years ago in search of a better life.

Being a Polish-American makes me an ethnic minority. It also makes me a member of a rare breed. I mean, how many other 20-year-old Polish men do you see around here? It is this feeling of being one of a

kind that makes it easy to ignore the negative stereotypes the American majority has toward Polish people.

Being considered stupid just because I'm Polish makes me and my 3.2 grade-point average laugh. If Polish people are dumb, why would millions of people flock to hear the Pope (who is Polish) speak? Why were Count Casimir Pulaski (who died in the battle at Savannah) and Thaddeus Kosciuszko (who has many memorials around the country) recruited by Benjamin Franklin to train American soldiers in the Revolutionary War?

Not only are the stereotypes about Poles inaccurate, but they have no real justification. The Polish immigrants to the United States in the first 13 years of this century weren't welcomed with open arms because they were the new kids on the block. Fact is, Polish people were in America way back in 1608—well before many of the other European colonies arrived. The first Poles arrived with the Germans in Jamestown, Va., to help develop the colony's timber industry.

It no longer matters what others think about my Eastern-European origin because many of them don't have the gift of being different.

The bottom line is: I'm Polish and proud of it. □



By Dan Wiszkon
Arts Editor

IN PERSPECTIVE

An ABD no more

17 years later, mountaintop reached

In 1977, after finishing my doctoral exams, a professor in charge of keeping me humble reminded me that once you get to the top of that mountain, you can see all the other mountains you haven't climbed. However, circumstances didn't allow me to write my dissertation, so I resigned myself to being an ABD (All But Dissertation) for the rest of my life.

In 1980, after I had done something particularly idiotic, a student turned to me and mumbled, "It's a good thing the good Lord takes care of crazy people!" That thought haunted me

again a year ago, as I pored over a huge pile of data I had accumulated on our non-traditional Return to Learn students. "Enough for a dissertation!" I snorted to myself.

A particularly persistent hunch told me to call a certain professor at the University of Missouri at Columbia. This was to ask the impossible concerning coming back after 17 years, at age 55, to finish my dissertation. When the answer came back, "Very possible, if..." that's when the fun began.

1. The graduate school needed an explanation about the 17 years. Show and tell couldn't have been worse.

2. I already had had two advisors. One of

them was dead and the other one was working on it.

3. Most of my graduate work was in secondary or educational administration, and now I was a counselor with an un-degree in counseling, with a higher education dissertation topic.

4. I was the same age as my friends who were retiring, and some of my body parts were already failing to come to work with me. Once, instead of grabbing the estrogen bottle, I found myself groping around in the one that was labeled "Anderson Animal Hospital."

5. I had to pass a hairy-looking test on everything I had learned from 1969 to 1977, plus everything that had happened in education since 1977.

6. I had to pay "back taxes" for semesters I hadn't attended.

7. Educational administration had to see if they could put together a new doctoral committee, as there was only one person left on my original one, and he was soon to retire and raise banty chickens.

8. I had to attend a class in Columbia on designing research. It had been 23 years

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By Dr. Ann Allman
Counselor

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CAREER ADVICE

Goal for first-year employees: establishing respect, credibility

Teachers: New hires should maintain pace

BY JONATHAN SABO
STAFF WRITER

The rookie year of one's first career job can be a stressful and confusing time.

It can be quite a culture shock going from sitting in a class to teaching in a class, says Jim Whitney, a high school mathematics teacher in his fifth year at Pierce City.

Whitney suggests that beginning job-holders "contact as many people in their profession as they can for advice."

Whitney, also the head basketball coach at Pierce City, says he has changed his focus from coaching to teaching. He makes himself more accessible to the students by staying after school to talk with them.

He advises education majors to be demanding in their first year of teaching. They should always follow through when they say something to their students, whether it

be a consequence, threat, or reward.

Whitney is working to get his master's degree in secondary educational administration at Southwest Missouri State University in hopes of becoming a

"For the entire first year don't change a thing about that establishment. Don't try and redo the programs. That establishment has been there for 30 or 100 years, so you need to recognize what is successful for them, and learn to use

Sanborn adds, "Don't wear yourself out during the first year. Pace yourself, especially during the holiday season when you'll put in a lot more time. You'll have a lot of fervor and excitement, wanting to change the world, and it's easy to overextend yourself which leads to burnout."

Kim Elliott, first grade teacher at Emerson Elementary School in Joplin and Southern graduate, is in her third year of teaching. She suggests job seekers should always take an interview, even if they are not especially interested in the position, just to get the interviewing experience and possibly use that person as a contact.

Elliott says if she could have done anything differently while job seeking, she would not have limited herself to this area or the specific grade level she wanted to teach.

"I missed out on two years of teaching because I would not teach fifth grade. I wanted to teach first grade. But I ended up teaching fifth grade anyway as my first job." □

66 For the entire first year don't try to change anything about the establishment. Don't try and redo the programs. That establishment has been there for 30 or 100 years, so you need to recognize what is successful for them, and learn to use your talents in their programs.

Gilbert Sanborn

college basketball coach.

Gilbert Sanborn, sophomore elementary education major, is in his first year as minister of student ministries at First Community Church in Joplin.

"If you walk into a new job and you're 21 or 22 years old, then the majority of the people are going to look at you as the young, inexperienced person on the staff," Sanborn says. "You need to take that first year to build credibility."

your talents in their programs."

Sanborn spends about 20 hours in the office during weekdays making calls to youth, planning upcoming events for the church, and writing curriculum. He warns first-time career job-holders to watch their finances.

"You'll get a new job and be making a lot more money than you did before. It's easy to get into financial trouble."

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Graduate provides tips of trade

My decision to go back to college was partly due to the fact that I wanted to act irascible; my spouse had three college degrees and acted incredibly irascible. But the primary reason was that I wanted some substance in life. My only prior claim to fame was winning the title of head-varsity cheerleader during my junior year of high school. The fact is, I discovered, there is no such thing as a 40-year-old cheerleader.

The following is some practical advice for psychology "wannabes." Find individuals working in the field and interview them during freshman and sophomore years. Spend time observing the actual work. For example, St. John's Hawthorne Center allowed me to "shadow" their art therapist. Write the Department of Mental Health for current supervision and licensing regulations; we may never be able to under-

stand, predict, and control managed health care. Make this early investigation a top priority. Why

Intervention and Practicum, became personally useful in my experience in dealing with a

same term you expect to graduate. Never underestimate the power of networking. The individual who hired me was someone I met three years earlier in a Literature class.

Life after pomp and circumstance depends on individual wants and/or needs. My decision to work prior to graduate school has proven beneficial. The team approach to treatment planning along with psychiatrists and therapists has provided hands-on learning. The job gives me exposure to a variety of diagnoses, as well as requires the use of DMH forms.

Let me leave the psychology major with a few more tidbits: we do not have to memorize the DSM-IV, the stress is two standard deviations to the right, and if it's money you want—take your GRE's and go to graduate school now. □



By Naomi Hunter

Naomi Hunter currently works in the adult outpatient division of Ozark Mental Health Center. She works with the chronically and seriously mentally ill, providing targeted case management and connecting clients with community resources. Hunter graduated in 1993 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

spend time preparing for work you may ultimately not want to do?

Keep course work and journal articles well-organized. Don't blow off school as busy work; the preparation may be unexpectedly needed. One course, Crises

client's suicide.

Begin the job-search now; attend MSSC's Career Fair, become familiar with job listings in newspapers/agencies, and create/critique a variety of resumes. Seek additional advice from professionals. Mail your resume the

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Feb. 13	Lady Foot Locker	Manager trainee	Business related
Feb. 15	Hormel Foods	Production manager	Business related

ALLMAN, FROM PAGE 4

since my first statistics class, and I had retained the information from it for about as long as I normally would a cup of coffee.

9. Fortunately, the new committee they formed contained four out of five people who knew me, but the scary part was the professor who had known me since I was a high school senior, and he was the assistant principal. Luckily, he remembered that I was the singing angel in the Christmas pageant and that my mother taught in his school system.

Anyway, to remind him of old times and to suggest that it might behoove him to never turn his back on me, I made a pile of "wanted" posters of him from a 1956 yearbook picture. These were liberally distributed

throughout the education building by the department chairman's secretary.

10. When the committee looked over the Big Test that I took, they found I had passed areas in which I never had had course work, but didn't have a clue as to what had happened in the junior high schools since 1977. (And I'm supposed to be able to help junior high school counselors.)

11. When I finally started class in January, the new professor in charge of keeping me humble found out the hard way that I was not a woman of few words. Comments to his colleagues that leaked out were, "I tell my students that it's better to write too much than too little. I never should have said that to her," and "You'll never have any trouble working with Ann, but if you have any prescriptions that need changing,

you'd better get on with it!"

12. When I finally made it to graduation, I learned that parents no longer come to see their children graduate, but it's the children who are yelling, "Hi, Mom!" to their parents. Our 30-year-olds were no exception. I also learned that I was lucky to have an advisor who knew up from down. Those who didn't, placed the doctoral hoods on upside down on their advisees, so that the pointy ends stuck up their noses. Some even posed for pictures that way.

Of course, this doesn't scratch the surface of everything that happened. But the fact remains that it's seldom too late to reach your goals if you want them badly enough. After all, I was going to be 56 years old this year, anyway. Why not have that degree to go with it? □

SHERYL SILVER

U.S. Sec. of Labor speaks of changes

Although the country's economic recovery continues, job security as it used to be defined appears to be a thing of the past. Companies continue to reengineer and streamline their operations to enhance productivity and reduce fixed costs. Organizational charts are being compressed further, eliminating more middle management jobs and creating keener competition for each advancement opportunity that appears. And finally, the trend to outsource all but core functions continues to grow in popularity as companies seek to minimize overhead while maximizing output.

What do these factors mean for anyone currently working or seeking employment? Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich says several basic principles should be embraced by those seeking to remain viable participants in today's and tomorrow's workplace.

"First of all, it's critical to recognize there's no longer any such thing as job security. Even CEOs are vulnerable," says Secretary Reich. "The most one can hope for is 'employability security' and by that I mean continually upgrading your skills so you're marketable and ready for that next job."

Reich also believes it's important for employed professionals to remain connected to their professional networks. "I don't mean networking in the sense the word is often used, merely to get referrals from colleagues when you're seeking to change jobs," says Reich. "I'm suggesting that the networks of people with whom you work—your co-workers, clients, vendors, as well as peers in other organizations—can be invaluable sources of information and assistance to you in your current job."

Networking in this sense, says Reich, is one way to remain state-of-the-art in your field and enhance your employability both in your current organization and externally.

For those seeking to advance in today's marketplace, Reich points to the increased emphasis on knowledge and work-related results by employers.

"Leadership today is more a case of 'who knows what.' It's no longer age or seniority based, but rather skill and experience based," observes Reich.

Reich hastens to add that this new reality doesn't necessarily mean older employees are at a disadvantage. "Hands-on experience still count with employers," asserts Reich. "It's something younger professionals and certainly new graduates don't bring to a job. As long as older workers make the effort to upgrade and update their skills in those areas in greatest demand, they'll remain marketable."

Reich also offers some advice to new graduates. "One problem young people have is the more degrees they have, the more ambitious they are immediately for a high power job," says Reich. "These individuals have to adjust their expectations. They may feel overqualified for their first jobs, but they are not overqualified because they lack real world experience. I've seen many young professionals prematurely get sullen in a first job, feeling they're overqualified. That type of attitude is the first step to bombing out on that job."

For individuals—with or without extensive work experience—who have already lost their jobs, Reich suggests, "Shop for a boss," when looking for that next position.

"More and more, you're not just shopping for a job, but also for a boss, an organization," he suggests. "Since your working life is somewhat dependent on the people with whom you'll be working, it's worth taking a job at less pay or less prestige if it means working not only on projects you find challenging but with people you enjoy and get along with."

The clear message from Secretary Reich: It's a changing workplace in which new "rules of engagement" apply. Individuals seeking to remain employed and employable in that new environment must take greater responsibility for managing their careers strategically and for developing a marketable portfolio of skills and work-related accomplishments. □

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EVENTS
CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8			

Today 2

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—

Koinonia free lunch,
Stegge Hall basement.

Noon—

Brown Bag Lunch series,
"International Research:
Exchange of Undergrad-
uate Students," by Dr. Jim
Jackson, BSC 310.

Noon to 1 p.m.—

Latter-Day Saints Student
Association, BSC 313.

12:15 p.m.—

Model United Nations
Club, Webster Hall III.

5:30 p.m.—

T. N. T. (Thursday-Nights-
Together), free food,
exciting programs, great
speakers, Baptist Student
Union.

8 p.m.—

CAB Movie: "The Color
Purple," one showing only,
BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Tomorrow 3

Noon—

Psychology Club, Taylor
Hall 123.

Saturday 4

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—

Sheila Phillips, from the St.
Louis area, to discuss
assessment for limited
English proficient students,
Learning Center.

6 p.m.—

Lady Lions Basketball vs
Washburn University,
Topeka Kan.

8 p.m.—

Lions Basketball vs
Washburn University,
Topeka, Kan.

Sunday 5

Missouri Southern Alumni
Foundation Annual
Phon-A-Thon Feb. 5—9.

9:30 a.m.—

Fellowship Baptist
Church College Sunday
School, Baptist Student
Union.

8 p.m.—

Informal Sorority Rush,
BSC Connor Ballroom.

Monday 6

8 p.m.—

Informal Sorority Rush,
BSC Connor Ballroom.

Tuesday 7

Noon to 1 p.m.—

Latter-Day Saints Student
Association, BSC 313.

Noon—

Newman Club Catholic
Organization, fellowship,
food, and fun, BSC 306.

12:15 p.m.—

College Republicans, BSC
311.

12:15 p.m.—

Non-Traditional Student
Association, BSC First
Floor Lounge.

12:30 p.m.—

Phi Eta Sigma, BSC 314.

Wednesday 8

2 p.m.—

CAB meeting, free food,
refreshments, all are
welcome, BSC 311.

3:30 to 5 p.m.—

Cultural Diversity
Workshop, BSC Connor
Ballroom.

5:30 p.m.—

Student Senate, BSC 310.

5:30 p.m.—

Lady Lions Basketball vs
Southwest Baptist
University, Robert Ellis
Young Gymnasium.

7:30 p.m.—

Lions Basketball vs
Southwest Baptist
University, Robert Ellis
Young Gymnasium.

PHON-A-THON

Foundation sets goal at \$175,000

PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Phoning for the Future" is the theme for the 13th annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon on Feb. 5-16. This year's goal is \$175,000.

In the past 12 years, the event has raised funds to support faculty, student events, and College activities. Volunteer callers raised \$200,500 last year.

Contributions are used to help finance cultural events, seminars, lectures, student and faculty development, and travel for student groups. The Missouri Southern International Piano Competition is a prime example.

Foundation director Sue Billingsly said, "With so many other fund-raising events that are taking place at this time of year, the Foundation hopes to have the support of the many alumni and friends that will be called."

The Missouri Southern Foundation is a non-profit organization governed by a board of directors.

Its purpose is to review all requests for grants and to allocate funds for those deemed worthy.

The decisions are made on the basis of priorities outlined by College President Julio Leon, the Foundation director, and the board.

Co-chairpersons for the Phon-A-Thon are Glenn Wilson, Joplin; and Gene Wild, Sarcoxie. Captains in charge of the callers are Jim Shaver, Jim Frazier, Marty Conklin, Grace Ayton, Barbara Box, Doug Carnahan, Delores Honey, Ed Wuch, Pat Kluthe, Debbie Traywick, Guy Thomas, and Warren Turner.

Last year, many students and faculty members from nearly every department received assistance. Any student or faculty member interested in applying for a grant may contact the Foundation office.

Volunteers are needed to staff the telephones located at the Alumni House. During the two-week period, 18 to 20 callers per day and approximately 250 people will be needed.

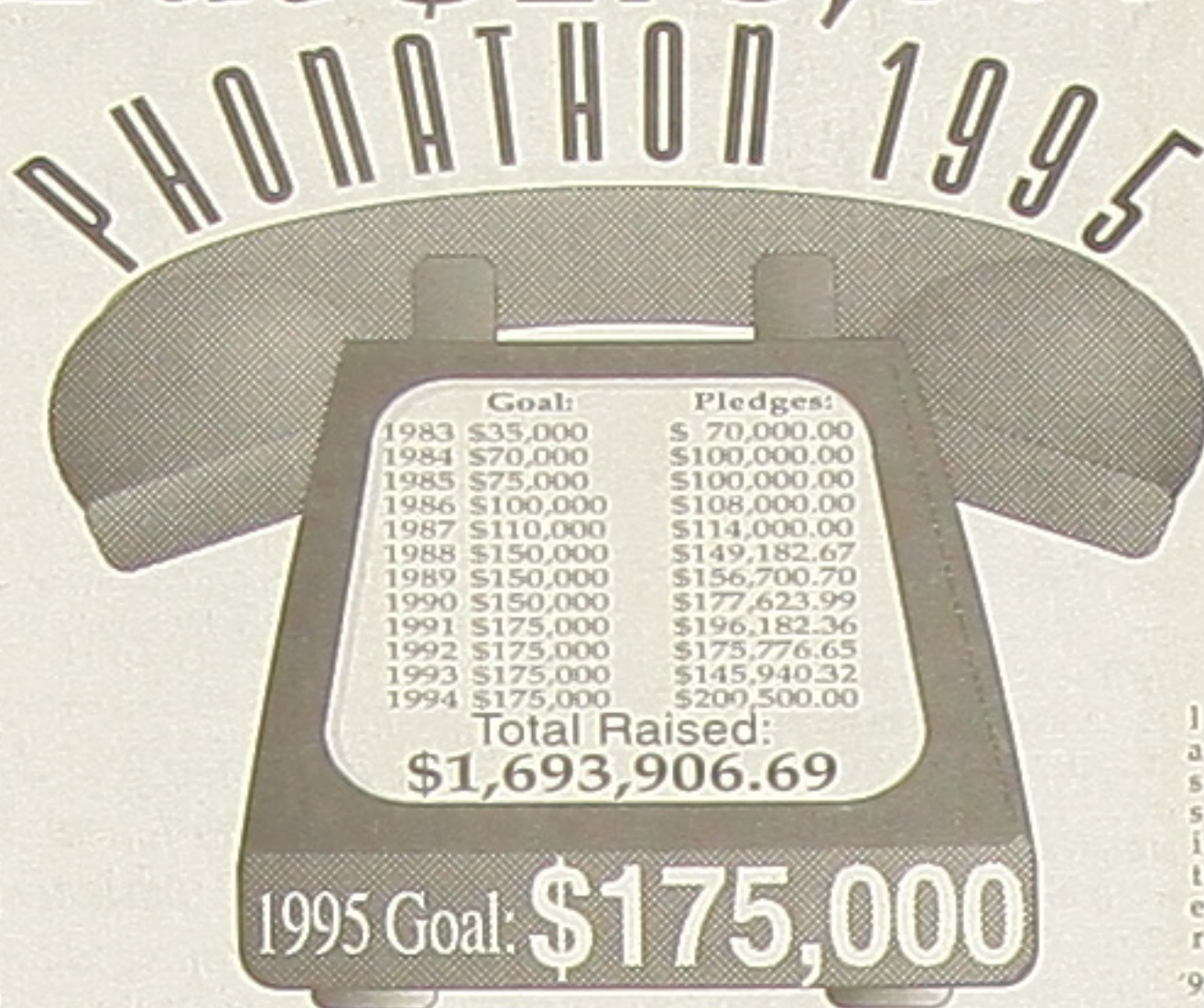
"I have the philosophy that when the school has done so much for us, it is not too much to ask of us to spend a few hours helping the school in this way," said Honey, director of assessment.

"We believe in what our school is trying to do," Honey has served both as a caller and a captain in previous drives.

Lynne Rusley, assistant professor of business, said volunteers perform other duties besides just making phone calls.

"Each shift has a group that also works in the background," she said. "We address pledge cards and envelopes, and tally the amount."

Volunteers also receive extra incentive for their time. Area busi-



nesses donate refreshments, meals, prizes, and all volunteers receive a free T-shirt.

Prizes are awarded to callers who obtain the most money, the highest number of pledges, and the

highest number of new pledges.

Persons or organizations interested in participating in the Phon-A-Thon may contact one of the captains or the Foundation at 625-9396. □

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Students get first-hand lesson in robotics

Missouri Steel Castings contributes \$20,000 robotic arm to department

By CASEY MILLER
STAFF WRITER

Technology students are getting a first-hand lesson in the field of robotics, thanks to a \$20,000 donation from Missouri Steel Castings.

About two weeks ago the Joplin company donated the Cincinnati Milicron, a large mechanical arm. This robot is on a 20-foot track giving it a wide range of movement and it has a 250-pound payload, meaning it can lift 250 pounds.

Don Schultz, instructor of computer assisted manufacturing, says the robot will be used primarily as an instructional tool.

"We've got one class called Fundamentals of Robotics," he said. "Really, it's kind of funny, but the big thing with robotics is installation. Actually, the programming and operation of the machine tool itself is pretty simple."

Robotics is nothing new to the school of technology, which already has a smaller, stationary

unit with a comparably lower 20-pound payload.

Schultz sees the new robot as a way to complete instruction in the field.

"In the past we've had this robotics class and we've been teaching it with one robot," he said. "Now we have this new robot with a totally different technology, so it's really going to help the students with different kinds of robots."

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology, is concerned about where the Milicron's final location will be. The robot is currently in the Ummel Technology Building.

"Because it's so big, it's going to take a while to figure out where we're going to put the robot," he said. "We may have to increase the size of our lab by taking part of the garage."

Spurlin believes this kind of technology will fulfill the vision of a more efficient industry.

"We really think that we're heading in the right direction," he said. "What we are attempting to do is build the perfect factory."

The goal of the school of tech-

nology is to give students hands-on experience in the real work force. Schultz says similar robotic technology is being used in 30 percent of industries in the Joplin area.

"The technologist of the past was the kid who wasn't very bright," Spurlin said. "The technologist of the future is the kid who has very good aptitude in math and computers. Those are the traits the future technologist has, and they will be paid accordingly."

Robotics students are already gaining experience working for outside industries. Sunbeam, a Neosho company, has given the College a small robot that it was having problems with. Students will learn to modify it to perform new tasks over two semesters, then the finished product will be returned to Sunbeam.

"This is a way that we can not only give our students experience but solve a real world problem," Spurlin said.

"Local industries can go to us and we help them resolve their problems, also training people on new and special pieces of equipment that we have and they don't." □

STATE OF THE ART



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Mushabbar Karimi, CADD instructor, shows Justin Wallace, freshman CADD major, how to use the department's new robot.

DIVERSITY WORKSHOPS

Educators, student teachers converge to promote ethnic, cultural exposure

Moderators to facilitate discussion between presenters and audience

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Area educators and student teachers will converge in the Billingsly Student Center Wednesday for the sixth Cultural Diversity Workshop

since the programs began in the fall of 1992. The theme for this semester's first workshop is "Reflecting on the Culturally Diverse Student."

Dr. David McConnell, assistant professor of education, said the workshops were created to give student teachers in the education department a broader field of experience.

He said all student teachers submit their observations to the clinical experience advisory committee, which then evaluates each student's experiences.

"We found we needed to do more to expose our students to other students who are ethnically and linguistically diverse," McConnell said.

"We try to bring in speakers who have had that type of exposure."

Speakers attending the workshop include Kesh Harisingh, English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor at Monett R-1 school district; Inez Moore, Joplin Senior High School teacher; Marina Yanushevskaya, current

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Dr. David McConnell
Assistant Professor of Education

Southern instructor and student visiting from Russia; Cammy Brown, Chapter I instructor from Neosho R-5 public schools; and Kathaleen Rios, ESL paraprofessional from Joplin public schools.

Moderators of the event include Connie Godwin, Carl Junction Intermediate School principal; Keith Zeka, Joplin Senior High School principal; Judy Bastian, Southern instructor of communications, and Dr. Cameron Pulliam, Southern's director of clinical and field experiences.

"The moderators are mainly pre-

sent to facilitate discussion between the speakers and the audience," McConnell said.

The workshop is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the BSC Connor Ballroom.

It will begin with an introduction of the speakers in a general session.

Those attending the event will then be split up into three groups in three separate rooms.

In each room, the presenters and moderators will be paired to interact with each group for 20 minutes, at which time the groups will alternate rooms to hear another speaker's presentation.

The groups will change rooms three times.

"This is a process we have done two times in the past," McConnell said. "It does well for keeping variety in the presentations."

McConnell said a need to understand cultural diversity exists.

"The main goal of the workshop is for people in attendance to develop a sensitivity to that need," he said. "It was the beginning goal, and it will remain the goal." □

BOOKWORM



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Linda Tillford, senior elementary education major, browses through the selections at the Scholastic Book Fair in Taylor Hall yesterday.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 26, 1995 issue of *The Chart*, several mistakes occurred in a story about the Baptist Student Union's new minister. The BSU is not a para-church organization and it is open to any denomination. It's purpose is to be evangelistic as a mission to Missouri Southern's campus. We apologize for the errors.

SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and so on...

ON CAMPUS

Southern Theatre
417-625-9393
Today through Saturday—*Waiting for Godot*
Feb. 27-Mar. 5—Charlotte's Web.
April 19-22—Twelfth Night.
Taylor Auditorium
Feb. 10—Audio Adrenaline.
Matthews Hall
Feb. 7—Gypsy Blood and Tartuffe.
Feb. 21—The Emperor's Nightingale.
March 7—The Roots.
March 21—Private's Progress.
April 4—The Cloak.
Webster Hall
Tonight—Carol Cook.

JOPLIN

The ByPass
624-9095
Tomorrow—Pat Boyack & The Prowlers.
Feb. 4—Live Comedy Show.
Feb. 5—5th Anniversary Party. Featuring Subterraneans, Missionaries, and Walking on Einstein.
Feb. 11—The Cate Brothers Band.
Feb. 17—The Victros.
Champs Bar and Grill
782-4944
Tomorrow and Saturday—Rockit Science.
Feb. 10—Brad Absher Band.
Feb. 17—Smoot Mahuti.
Feb. 24-25—The Oscillators.
Mar. 3-4—Blues Blasters.
Culture Shock
916 Main Street
Feb. 4—Loaded with Curb Feelers and Neckbones.
Feb. 10—Beakups with Bubble Boys and Frog Pond.
Feb. 17—Brine with Devolve.

CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre
417-358-9665
Mar. 16, 17, and 18—Opal's Million Dollar Duck.
Apr. 8, 9—You Caught Me Dancing.
Apr. 20, 21, 22—A Woman With No Name.
June 29, 30, 31—Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.

KANSAS CITY

Memorial Hall
816-931-3330
March 22—Mary Chapin Carpenter with the Mavericks.

SPRINGFIELD

Shrine Mosque
417-831-2727
Feb. 5—Pantera with Type O Negative.

ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights
314-421-3853
Feb. 5—Meditations with Reggae at Will.
Feb. 7—Gov't Mule.
Rickman Auditorium
314-296-8000
March 11—Glen Campbell.
April 8—Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.
May 13—The Oak Ridge Boys.
American Theatre
314-291-7600
Tonight—Slayer with Biohazard and Machine Head.
Feb. 17—Steven Wright.
Powell Hall
314-534-1111
Feb. 9—Nanci Griffith.

TULSA

Philbrook Museum of Art
918-748-5316
Today through 19—The History of Oklahoma Artists Annual Exhibition.
Today through March 12—Durer and Rembrandt: The Felix Warburg Collection of German and Netherlandish Prints.
Today through March 12—The Graven Image: Master Prints from the Robert and Barbara Huff Collection.
Tulsa Performing Arts Center
918-747-7473
Feb. 5—Tulsa Young Symphony.
Feb. 7-9—Five Guys Named Moe.
Feb. 11—Tulsa Philharmonic Masterworks Concert.

OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

Play emphasizes waiting

By WILLIAM GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Last night in Taylor Auditorium, Missouri Southern Theatre staged its first production of the spring semester.

Waiting for Godot, a play by Samuel Beckett, explores the concept of waiting and having time to do nothing.

Waiting for Godot is a story about two homeless tramps, Gogo and Didi, who are waiting for an appointment with Mr. Godot. They have waited for this man every day for 50 years. The two men have long forgotten why they made the appointment in the first place, but still they wait.

To pass the time, Gogo and Didi invent games, play with their boots and hats, talk about life, and argue back and forth. Because they both have difficulty remembering the past, they create new memories to talk about.

Two other men, Pozzo and Lucky, arrive and further help pass the time. Lucky is wheelchair-bound and Pozzo is his crazy, nicotine-addicted master. Pozzo is extremely cruel to Lucky. He forces this physically unable man to serve him in ways that would make even a dog turn up its nose. However, Pozzo and Lucky's roles change dramatically in the second act.

As the play wears on, Gogo and Didi begin to realize all mankind are

tramps on Earth, doing nothing but waiting.

The play raises several important questions. What do we do while we are waiting? On what do we depend for our strength and guidance? What does it mean "to be"? And do the choices we make give meaning to life? These questions create the play's theme.

Didi, played by Brandon Lee Davidson, brings coherency to the performance. Davidson played this character to its fullest extent. He succeeded in humoring the audience, which is sometimes difficult to accomplish.

Duane Sidney, who played Gogo, brought innocence to *Waiting for Godot*. Sidney was convincing as a



'GODOT' GRADECARD

OVERALL GRADE:

B

ACTING: **B**

COSTUMES: **B**

SET: **C**

LIGHTING & SOUND: **C**

lost soul living on the streets with nothing to look toward in life.

Other performers include Donald Jason Wofford as Lucky, Liam Watts as Pozzo, and Josh Claussen as a young boy.

I must give some criticism to the lighting and to the creators of the set. These two things are so important when viewing a theatre performance. In *Waiting for Godot*, do not expect intricate staging and vivid

lighting because you will not find them. However, you will find a slow-moving, hard-to-follow play with little or no point in evidence.

It is not the kind of play an audience is used to seeing. It does not tell a story or resolve conflicts. If you are looking for this type of entertainment, *Waiting for Godot* is not the play for you.

Performances continue tonight through Saturday. □

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FILM SOCIETY

Group to present silent films

'Gypsy Blood,' 'Tartuffe' highlight sixth program

By MICHAEL DAVISON
STAFF WRITER

G raying, black-and-white pictures might describe silent movies to some people, but to others it's a blueprint to the motion pictures of today.

"Silent films are the basis of modern cinema," said Harrison Kash, assistant professor of chemistry and director of the Missouri Southern Film Society. "The same basic form used in those films is still used today."

As the sixth program in the International Film Festival, the Southern Film Society and the Missouri Arts Council will present *Gypsy Blood* and *Tartuffe*.

These two German silent films will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

Gypsy Blood, produced in 1918, converts the Bizet opera, *Carmen*, into movie, although this version is closer to the story by Prosper Merimee. Merimee's version

includes a traveler narrating the story by a campfire.

Directed by Ernst Lubitsch, this film helped turn Pola Negri, in the title role, into an international star, Kash said.

"This was the first opportunity to see a play or an opera on a screen,

couldn't do," Kash said. "Such things as close-ups were used for the first time, and this was considered to be highly experimental."

The festival is part of the Film Society's goal of bringing cinematic works of excellence to both Southern and the Joplin communi-

"Silent films are the basis of modern cinema. The same basic form used in those films is still used today. These two silent movies were experiments with what the theatre couldn't do."

Harrison Kash

Director, Missouri Southern Film Society

instead of in a theatre," he said.

Tartuffe, made in 1925, is an adaptation of the Moliere comedic play of the same name. *Tartuffe* is played by Emil Jannings, who also starred in *The Blue Angel*, another silent film of that time. Both influenced movie making in a major way, Kash said.

These two silent movies were experiments with what the theatre

ty. It is an attempt to offer programs that would equal those of a larger campus and city, but at the lowest possible cost to film buffs.

Tickets will be available the evening of the film. Prices are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, persons may call 625-9614. □

MSIPC

Documentary recaptures 1994 piano competition

Carl Cranmer scheduled to perform at Southern May 5

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

O nce again the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition (MSIPC) can be seen on television sets throughout the nation.

A 30-minute documentary of the April 1994 competition called "Keys for Success" is almost ready for submission to PBS. A similar tape of the 1992 competition was also aired by PBS.

Judy Stiles, general manager of MSTV and the producer of the documentary, said the project is in the final production stages. Resources and staffing were provided by KSNF, KODE, and KOAM.

"I think there was excellent cooperation between the students, faculty, and staff," Stiles said. "A docu-



Carl Cranmer, grand-prize winner of the 1994 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, will be featured in 'Keys For Success.'

mentary takes planning and time to get the right elements."

Stiles said the project involved much work on the part of everyone.

"The initial taping was a major undertaking in April coordinating everyone's schedules and taping everything that was happening, not

only in performances but behind the scenes," she said.

The film will include some behind-the-scenes footage, the planning involved, and a bit of Carl Cranmer's October recital at Carnegie Hall in New York.

MSIPC director Vivian Leon said the best feature about the documentary is its production by the three commercial TV stations in the Joplin area rather than an independent contractor.

She pointed out that MSIPC is a non-profit organization totally funded by contributions from around the region.

"The key is community support," Leon said. "In this documentary you will see all of the effort that went into it from everybody. It just wouldn't happen without so many people taking part and helping."

According to Leon, the documentary of the 1992 competition

received feedback from viewers across the country.

"We got letters from Pennsylvania, California, Florida, and even Puerto Rico asking for schedules and what we do," she said. "So we did have out-of-town guests for the 1994 competition as a result of that."

Leon said the television program is a good opportunity to get the College some national exposure and help attract more high-caliber pianists for next year's competition.

In other news, the 1994 grand prize winner, Carl Cranmer, will perform at the College on May 5 as part of a fund-raising event.

"We are very, very excited about the prospect of him coming back to give a concert," Leon said. "Not only are we happy that we will hear him again, but he is also anxious to be part of the competition in our efforts for the future." □

SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

African exhibit prompts lecture

By JENNIFER A. RUSSELL
STAFF WRITER

African textiles are the subject of an upcoming lecture at the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts.

Beatrice Iga, a local textile artist and clothing designer, will speak and exhibit some of her finished works at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at Spiva.

For Anne-Marie Gailey, Spiva's education committee chairperson and Webb City art teacher, Iga's visit has personal meaning.

"African art is one of my favorite forms of art and culture to study," she said. "I've been excited about meeting an African artist who is really from Africa."

Iga's lecture is in conjunction with Spiva's current exhibit, *African Art from Area Collections*, showing now through Feb. 26.

"We are fortunate to have people in the four-state area who have private collections of African art," said Mark Woodin, Spiva board of directors member. "Financially, we have no cost because of local contributors."

Woodin also believes this exhibit is positive for the community and Spiva.

"I think it's great Spiva is representing a global interest in art," he said. "Fundamentally [our goal] is to represent a basic appreciation of other cultures and arts."

African influences on modern art is another reason Woodin enjoys this particular exhibit.

"I think it's important," he said, "that people realize the influence of African art on cubism."

Also in conjunction with the exhibit is Spiva's "Outreach" program, in which both Gailey and Iga will be actively involved. The program targets area schools, with money granted from Pillsbury and the Missouri Arts Council.

Gailey said this year Iga will visit Joplin's North Middle School and the Park Academy. Gailey hopes to visit several other area schools in the future.

According to Gailey, Iga will speak on her home in Africa, her interest in art, and why her family moved to the United States, as well as show her textiles and clothing designs to students. □

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Lead poisoning poses threat to area children

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Lead poisoning is preventable, yet 17.8 percent of the 413 children screened by the Jasper County Health Department last year showed they had high lead blood levels.

"These numbers are just from those children we have tested so far," Kelly Gosh, registered nurse, said. "There are probably even more children with elevated levels in the community we haven't tested, which would mean higher percentage numbers."

"There has been so much apathy among parents about testing their children until this recent Environmental Protection Agency and media attention."

Gosh said children under 6 years old should be tested because lead can damage the developing nervous systems in young children.

The Joplin City Health Department performed 420 blood tests (including retests) between Dec. 1, 1993, and Jan. 11, 1995, said Paula Wallace, public health lab technician. Of the children living within city limits, 15.6 percent had blood

levels greater than 10 micrograms (mcg.) of lead per deciliter of blood Wallace said.

"We usually screen children by drawing some blood with the 'finger stick' method," Wallace said. "But if the EPA refers a child to us, we take a blood sample from the arm."

Counseling and information is provided to parents whose children test in the 10-14 mcg. range, said Tony Moehr, district representative for the Missouri Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

If a child tests above 15 mcg., Gosh and Moehr might visit the home to determine the lead source. Moehr said an environmental assessment is done of the soil, paint, and water, only if the level remains above 15 mcg.

"A parent's hobby or occupation can bring lead into the child's environment," Moehr said. "I try to work with the family and help them find lead sources. We work to solve the problem."

According to information published by the Missouri Department of Health and the EPA, some effects of lead may not be obvious. But low levels of lead can cause:

- stomach ache, headache,

irritability, poor appetite, and fatigue

- reading difficulties and hearing problems

- damage to the brain, nervous system, kidneys and red blood cells

- mental retardation, as well as learning and behavior problems

- high blood pressure

- coma, convulsions, and death

"Lead poisoning is a very preventable disease," Gosh said. "Nutrition is important. If a stomach is empty, lead is more readily absorbed into the system. A balanced diet helps inhibit lead absorption."

According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, about one in six American children have high levels of lead in their blood.

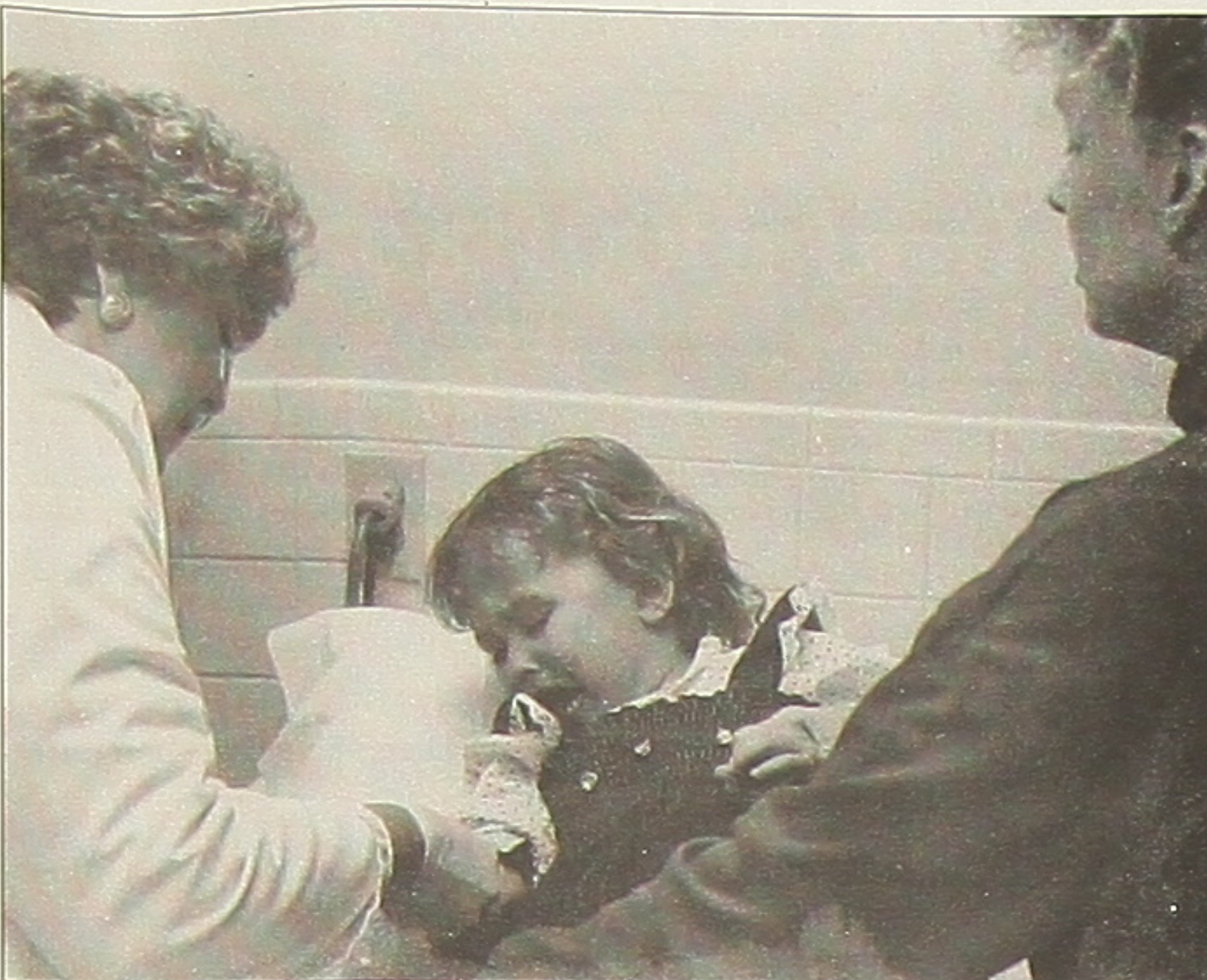
Early detection through blood screening can insure less damage at a lower lead level, through easier treatment.

According to the Missouri Department of Health, all high-risk children should be screened for lead. Children living in older homes or neighborhoods or near smelter areas are considered at high-risk for lead poisoning.

Joplin has 13 sites where smelters once operated.

"Exposure to soil is probably

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Paula Wallace (left), public health lab technician, screens Amanda Wheeler, 3, for lead poisoning at the Joplin City Health Department. Wheeler's mother, Leslie Wheeler (right), assists with the process.

the most significant contributor to lead poisoning," Moehr said. "Generally, old smelter sites have higher concentrations of lead."

"The EPA is conducting risk assessment studies," Moehr said. "When the EPA completes

the studies, we will have a better picture of where the most harm lies. That will help us decide what's out there."

"The bottom line is to determine the effect upon people's health."

Parents interested in having

their children tested for lead can contact the Jasper County Health Department at 673-3421 or the Joplin City Health Department at 623-6122.

The National Lead Information Center number is 1-800-LEAD FYI. □

PROMOTING JOPLIN

MSTV general manager joins community groups

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

If you want something done, ask a busy person. The Main Street Joplin board took that approach when it asked Judy Stiles to fill a vacancy in its organization.

Stiles, general manager of MSTV, is president of the board of directors for Joplin's

Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action (NALA) and a member of two committees for the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Judy came highly recommended," said Sunny Drenik, executive director of Main Street Joplin. "She is very involved with the community."

Main Street Joplin was established in 1989 for the historic preservation and economic

development of the downtown area.

"Because we are a non-profit organization with a small budget, publicity is always a problem," Drenik said. "We are looking to Judy to help promote Main Street's projects."

Drenik said she is excited about several projects. The first project is the production of a three-part video series on the

history of Joplin.

"We are working with KOZJ and KOZK, our local PBS stations, on the production," she said. "We are trying to get Dennis Weaver to narrate it."

The second project is being called a "small business incubator." The plan is to attract home-based businesses to one of the downtown buildings by offering low-cost office space.

One secretary would serve several businesses, and office equipment would be shared, cutting start-up expenses.

The Main Street Board will ask the city to help fund a feasibility study for the project soon. The results of the study will determine how or if the plan progresses.

Stiles' presence on the board may also help increase student

awareness of community issues. Public service announcements, for the organization, will be produced by broadcasting students.

"As a member of the staff, I see my involvement with the Main Street board as being beneficial to the College," Stiles said. "The more the College supports the community, the more the community is willing to support the College." □

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Jasper County celebrates courthouse's 100th birthday

Exhibits, book, time capsule mark 1895 completion of historic building

By CHRIS MORROW
STAFF WRITER

This year marks the centennial of the Jasper County Courthouse, located on the main square in Carthage.

To celebrate the event, area students placed exhibits in the halls of the historic building.

"I think these projects have been a wonderful learning process for the students," said

Anna Ruth Crampton, Jasper County commissioner.

The students' exhibits focused on the courthouse, the people of the county, and the county's history.

The students' displays were added to an exhibit sponsored by the Dorothea B. Hoover Museum, Joplin, already in place at the courthouse in Carthage.

Marvin Van Gilder, Jasper County Centennial Committee

chairman, attended the display presentation. He reviewed highlights of the county's history, using his new book *Jasper County, the First Two Hundred Years*, as a reference.

"Although the book is not yet in print, orders are now being taken," Crampton said.

The book is being published as a benefit for the Courthouse Preservation Fund.

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Crampton said the displays,

which feature photographs of many area residents and their homes, has created a great deal of traffic through

the courthouse.

"Personally, I am gathering more and more information about the county and our heritage," Crampton said.

The Jasper County Centennial Committee is planning more ideas to mark the building's anniversary.

One of the committee's plans is to bury a time capsule at the courthouse.

The event will take place in conjunction with the annual Maple Leaf Festival and parade activities held in October. □

AIRWAVE NEWS

New country station targets younger listening audience

'The Big Dog' joins radio menagerie broadcasting in four-state territory

Country music aficionados have a new animal to listen to on the Joplin airwaves.

"The Big Dog" KXDG 97.9 FM joined "The Kat," "The Kow," and a menagerie of other country music stations in the four-state area on Jan. 24.

"The first day was fantastic," said Billy "The Kid" Thomas, KXDG disc jockey. "Everybody was a little nervous, but it went off great."

KKLL-FM, a former Christian station at 97.9 FM, was bought by WestGroup Broadcasting.

Paul Swint, general manager, is one of "Big Dog's" top

dogs. Ralph Cherry directs the radio station's program and music line-up.

Disc jockey, "Ricky Schae," formerly of KSYN 92.5 FM, jumped on the KXDG country bandwagon.

"The Big Kahuna," from KSYN, and "Howie Dee," KJKT 102.5 FM also joined the 97.9 FM station.

"Cadillac Jack Flash" will also be heard by listeners.

KXDG hopes to capture young audiences with "The Big Dog" motto and more music with less talk.

Despite the tone of the some broadcasts, Swint denied the station was formatted to target KJKT (The Country Kat).

"Much of that comes from our listeners," Swint said. "Some of the people who used to listen to [KJKT] have switched to 'The Dog.'"

Chuck Dunaway, owner of KJKT, said he does not feel any pressure from the new station.

"We don't pay much attention to it," Dunaway said. "It's just a bunch of amateurs trying to play radio."

Dunaway bought KJKT, 102.5 FM, in February 1993. The station formerly was known as Z-103.

Swint said the new station will not increase competition for sister station KIXQ.

"The Big Dog" skews to a bit younger audience," Swint said. "KXDG targets the 18-34 year-olds while Kix goes after the 25-54 age group." □

CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Singleton stresses 'smaller, more efficient government'

Missouri General Assembly faces 1,700 new bills in 1995 session

By TONYA PRINCE
STAFF WRITER

Senators and representatives have filed more than 1,000 bills so far this year in the General Assembly, according to Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

Singleton spoke before at least 60 people at the Citizens for Environmental Safety's annual meeting Saturday night at the Purcell Fire Department.

"We do need government, but we need less of it," he said. "We need a smaller, more efficient government."

Singleton expects the Senate and the House to see

at least 1,700 bills by the end of the year.

He said government seems to keep expanding. Missouri has hired 1,500 new state employees since 1994.

"Give the power back to the people," he said. "We need local folks deciding what local folks need. Government needs to listen to the people."

Singleton said many senators do not hold his opinion regarding the government.

He also said some senators do not agree with him on the issue of more involvement at the local level.

"Know how your representatives vote," he said. "If you have any concerns you can always

write me."

Singleton said he thought voters were voting for change in this day and age.

"We are pioneers," he said. "We do things for ourselves and our neighbors."

The Environmentalist' of the Year award went to Mike Tucker. He sponsored and also worked with 11 recycling drives in 1994.

Earlier in the day, the Citizens for Environmental Safety collected \$750 selling lunch and dinner meals. More than 100 people had their choice of either vegetable stew or chili.

Raffle tickets were sold for a whole hog, several U.S. savings bonds, and a number of cash prizes. Prize drawings were held throughout the meeting. □

HIGHER EDUCATION

College mission bills introduced

House, Senate legislators support efforts

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Legislators are making extra sure that Missouri Southern gets its chance to enhance its mission.

Both bills resulted from action taken by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education several weeks ago. The Board issued the College the freedom to "develop such academic support programs and public service activities it deems necessary and appropriate to establish international or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission."

If legislation is successful, Southern would be required to submit a three-year plan directing several aspects of the mission. The cost to implement the plan would be approximately \$2.2 million. The three-year plan would outline admissions requirements, program changes, institutional performance goals, assessment measures, and

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Rep. Gary Burton
R-Joplin

fees appropriate to its statutory mission.

The bills also establish Missouri Western's mission, which focuses on remedial education.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), one of the co-sponsors of the House bill, said one of the primary focuses

of the legislation is to provide more funding for Southern and Missouri Western, which are at the "bottom of the barrel" in terms of state appropriations.

"They (the Board) used to base funding on enrollment," Burton said. "A few years back, the Board

decided to go away from enrollment. We've had tremendous growth since then."

Although the legislation would give Southern additional funding, Burton said the College would gain little advantage on the other state colleges and universities in the long run.

"I think it is a step in the right direction," he said. "The Coordinating Board has an agenda. Eventually all the state colleges and universities will have their own mission. We just get to go first."

Burton said the CBHE didn't want to give the colleges additional funding without a purpose.

"They didn't just want to give them the money; they wanted a reason." □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Columbia College hires new president

Columbia College has named Dr. Gerald Brouder, a former provost at the University of Missouri-Columbia, as its new president.

Brouder, 51, will start work early this spring, replacing retiring president Don Ruthenberg.

Brouder, currently associate director of clinical services at UMC, also served as interim chancellor during his 18-year tenure at the university.

Southeast celebrates Trade Center satellite

The Small Business Development Center at Southeast Missouri State University will celebrate the grand opening of a World Trade Center of St. Louis satellite office at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The World Trade Center of St. Louis, which opened in February 1993, is one of more than 280 World Trade Centers located in more than 80 countries around the world. The satellite office at SEMO's Small Business Development Center will be the fifth affiliated with the World Trade Center of St. Louis but only the second outside the Greater St. Louis Area.

As a satellite of the World Trade Center of St. Louis, the SBDC at Southeast will have access to research services, including World Trade Center staff who can provide business counseling and assistance with developing and implementing an international business plan, and market research services.

Central Missouri's mission endorsed

The Warrensburg city council last week adopted a proclamation endorsing the educational and cultural missions of Central Missouri State University's public broadcasting facilities, KMOS-TV and KCMS-FM, and encouraging Congress to continue adequate funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Signed Jan. 23 by Warrensburg Mayor Ann Houx, the proclamation states that "federal funding of public broadcasting is necessary and proper" in that it promotes localism, extends educational opportunities to all Americans, and aids in development of innovative children's programs.

Copies of the proclamation will be sent to Missouri's representatives in the U.S. House and Senate.

Northwest student returns from Europe

Trent Skaggs, a senior government major at Northwest Missouri State University, has returned to the Maryville campus after spending the summer in Germany and the fall semester in the Czech Republic.

Skaggs completed three economics courses at the Technical University of Mining and Metallurgy in Ostrava. The Technical University is headed by Dr. Tomas Cernak, a member of an eastern European higher education delegation that visited Northwest in 1992 to develop an exchange program. Northwest has similar exchange agreements with several central and eastern European institutions of higher learning.

Skaggs spent the summer of 1994 in Dusseldorf, Germany, in a Northwest internship program offered in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Economic Development. He worked on research programs designed to help Missouri business and industry identify opportunities to expand exports to Europe.

Supply, demand for teachers up

Although demand for teachers in Missouri is up significantly for the second year in a row, the supply of new teachers has increased significantly since 1992-93.

That's the finding of "Teacher Supply and Demand in Missouri 1994-95," a study conducted by the career planning and placement center at Southwest Missouri State University. The study also found the supply of new teachers as well as the supply of new elementary teachers have each reached a 12-year high.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

The First Amendment never mentioned high school students

By LISA ROBINETT
MISSOURI NEWS SERVICE

Washington reporters had a field day with the Connie Chung B-word interview.

But what if the B-word came from a high school administrator and the reporter was a high school student writing for the school newspaper?

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that school administrators do have the right to stop a story from publication.

As a result of that court decision, some Missouri lawmakers have been pushing legislation to provide high school students with free-press rights to their school newspapers.

The bill would give secondary school journalism students the right to publish any story without the consent of a school official.

A section of the bill specifically states that the views in the publication may not be taken as an expression of the administration's principles, which exempts the school from liability.

Sen. Harry Wiggins (D-Kansas City) introduced the bill as a response to the 1988 Hazelwood East censorship case.

The U.S. Supreme Court held that school officials have the right to censor any school-sponsored expressive speech activities. This allowed administrators to edit student publications before they are printed.

Some say that school administrators have been overreacting to the Hazelwood ruling by requiring that every story land on their desk for approval.

The court left each state to decide the amount of censorship allowed in schools. Iowa and Kansas have already considered legislation similar to Wiggins' bill, said Mark Sableman, president of eastern Missouri's American Civil Liberties Union.

Sableman said his organization supports the bill because it would permit instructors to

teach journalism more effectively and lead to more enthusiasm among students.

"It is now taught as a dictate on high rather than creative learning," Sableman said.

Also, the legislation would allow students to learn about the American Constitution and Bill of Rights under the guidance of a good instructor, Sableman said.

"The true value of the First Amendment is freedom of expression," he said.

Even though the legislation would permit students to print anything without having to obtain permission, they still are subject to the same legal guidelines as professional reporters.

The students can be held legally responsible for obscene material, libel, slander, or any material that disrupts the "orderly operation of a school."

But administrators are wary of the leeway given to students.

"Somebody has to call the shots here," said Bob Howe of the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals.

Bob Howe Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals

"Students need to learn an appreciation of the guidelines," Sableman contends that students will have a firmer grasp of professional guidelines if they are responsible for their work.

"It teaches editorial responsibility and judgment," he said. "We don't want them to be Connie Chungs. We want them to learn and debate concepts in the field before they get out there."

School officials also question how realistic this freedom is in journalism.

"Publishers in the real world wouldn't let reporters do what they want," Howe said.

But Sableman suggested that the classroom setting has different priorities.

"They're not putting out the newspaper for money," Sableman said. "The paper put out by the school is a unique thing; it's for education." □

EVERYWHERE A SIGN



Protesters supporting Missouri students were scattered throughout the capital Wednesday afternoon.

JUVENILE CRIME

Preventing youth crime: Republicans strike first

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

A juvenile crime prevention bill that was endorsed Monday by a House committee would provide financial incentives for businesses which would adopt schools, support youth groups, and help in the development of apprenticeship programs in Missouri.

The bill is the second of a three-part initiative to strengthen the juvenile crime system, according to Rep. Pat Dougherty (D-St. Louis), one of the sponsors of the bill.

"We realize this is an important issue and so we're dealing with it," Dougherty said. "Overall, juvenile crime has dropped, but more serious juvenile crimes have increased."

Another reason legislators have focused on juvenile crime is because the media have found interest in the subject as well,

Dougherty said.

Debate over the issue was heated during last year's session. A commission made up of several people from a variety of government occupations was set up to organize a plan of attack, Dougherty said.

The commission's focus was in four different areas, including juvenile code, systems area, prevention, and funding.

The bills aren't designed to make it easier for children to get off the hook.

"We want to make sure the individuals suffer the consequences of their actions," Dougherty said.

The initiative for the crime prevention act is administered by the Youth Opportunities and Violence Prevention Commission, which, through the use of tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program and through grants, will distribute funds and tax credits to programs that comply with the criteria of the bill.

The tax credits are for 75 percent of the expenditures, not to exceed \$250,000 per taxable year on the taxpayers' liability in the given year.

The Commission, of which the make-up would "reflect the demographic, social, and cultural diversity of the state," would be composed of public members, including youth members and two members from the juvenile court system as appointed by the governor, and the directors of seven state departments.

The Commission would not create or administer any of the programs or funded activities.

Dougherty said the Commission would supply approximately \$6 million each year to Missouri communities. The funds would be spread throughout the state, but not uniformly.

"Areas that are at higher risk need to be paid very close attention to," he said. □

HEALTH

Health-care bill withdrawn

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Efforts to initiate effective health-care packages for Missourians are taking strides—in the wrong direction.

Because of expected bipartisan disagreement, two lawmakers, Rep. Ron Keeven (R-Florissant) and Rep. Glenn Hall (R-Grain Valley), withdrew a bill Monday which was scheduled to face the House science committee that evening.

Gov. Mel Carnahan, a Democrat, unsuccessfully tried to force his health-care reform bill through the legislature last year.

The Republican package would redesign the welfare system. Part

of the redesign would include the refusal of welfare payments to persons who have additional children while already on welfare.

According to a news release, Keeven, when asked what state Republicans would do to aid children whose parents stop receiving payments, apparently told a reporter from the *Columbia Missourian*, "I haven't addressed that problem."

Keeven said the Democrats' "socialist" agenda has caused difficulties in passing an effective health-reform bill, but that a reversal of control would greatly enhance its chances.

"I personally believe that we need welfare reform," he said. "If

Republicans had control [of the House], this bill would have sailed through and Missouri would have health-care reform without imposing taxes."

The Republican plan would have allowed individuals to deduct out-of-pocket medical expenses from their state taxes, and it would have required all Missourians over 18 years old to have health insurance. It also would have required insurance companies to sell coverage to anyone regardless of physical condition, past or present.

Although this plan was unsuccessful, lawmakers say there is still a possibility of a health-care plan this session, but that it would have to be more heavily supported. □

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Cook inks contract to coach Lions

Missouri Southern's soccer program finds new skipper close to home at Joplin High

By RICK ROGERS
 SPORTS EDITOR

After a tedious search, men's athletic director Jim Frazier found the man he was looking for right here at home.

Jim Cook, who resigned as Joplin High School's head coach last fall, was officially named coach of the Lion soccer team Tuesday afternoon.

Cook, a Joplin native, coached the Eagles soccer program for 10 years with a record of 158-39-10.

Joplin placed first in the Ozark Conference twice and was district champs four years. The Eagles ventured into the state quarterfinals in 1993, but lost to Francis Howell High School.

Cook received his B.A. in history from Southern in 1977 and a master of arts degree in history from Pittsburg State University in 1981.

As was the case with former head coach George Greenlee, Cook will hold a part-time coaching position. He said that will not affect his performance on or off

the soccer field.

Cook also said volunteer assistant coach Don Youst will continue his services on the sidelines for the soccer Lions.

Last fall, Southern enjoyed its first winning season in six years. Cook said he realizes he must find a way to continue the Lions' winning ways.

"At this point we don't have our schedule firm, and I really have not evaluated the players," Cook said. But my goal is to have everybody just give 100 percent.

I'm pushing for my team to put forth their best effort. I told them win or lose, they will always be winners as long as they put their best effort forward."

After 10 seasons at the helm of Joplin's soccer program Cook said he learned to adapt his coaching style to the type of team he puts on the field.

"It is better to adapt your coaching philosophy to what type of team you have, than to adapt your team to your coaching philosophy," Cook said.

Even though Cook has not seen his players practice a minute, he said he thinks the Lions would play the style of soccer they felt

most comfortable with.

"First thing I will do is evaluate the people we have coming back," Cook said. "If we have defensive players then we will play a defensive game, and if we have offensive players we will play an offensive game."

Sophomore midfielder Todd Eaton said he thinks the Lions' soccer program could reach new heights under the direction of Cook.

"He seems pretty direct," Eaton said. "He knows the type of players he wants, and those are good players. He seems pretty fair to everyone. He just wants to get respect for our program." □

SPORTS COLUMN



RICK ROGERS

Where, oh where did Drury go?

Dating back to the days when Missouri Southern was a fixture in the NAIA ranks, the Lion basketball program was in the midst of a great southwest Missouri battle.

It was Southern vs. Drury College, and somehow these two teams always found their way into the thick of the NAIA District 16 race.

But the rivalry didn't die when Southern bumped its status to NCAA Division II and joined the MIAA. After Southern switched to Division II in 1989, the basketball program kept Drury as part of its schedule.

This year things have changed.

For only the second time in eight years, Southern bumped the Panthers off its non-conference schedule. The rivalry, dating back to 1970, has been more heated than Southern's clashes with those hated Gorillas from Pittsburg State.

And why was this rivalry stripped away from us? Because of MONEY.

On Jan. 2, the Lions were scheduled to play Drury in Springfield, but the game was canceled early last fall without an explanation or an arrangement for a make-up game.

Instead, the Lions chose to play a challenging NCAA Division I team, Southern Illinois University and pocket the \$8,000 guarantee. The Salukis have made two NCAA Tournament appearances in the past four years, which diminished the chances of a Lion victory.

But that was an understatement. The Salukis handed Southern a 55-point defeat, a record deficit. The game was embarrassing to both the College and the team, but the \$8,000 probably made it worth it to the athletic department.

Southern head coach Robert Corn said the team saw the game as a great opportunity to play a Division I school. He said the reason he took Drury off the schedule to add the Southern Illinois game was because of where both games fell in the schedule.

But here is something to ponder. The game vs. the Salukis was on Dec. 22, and the game against Drury was slated for Jan. 2, leaving a gap of 11 days. The only games scheduled in between were the Chris Tucker Memorial/Freeman Hospital Tournament. Why they couldn't fit one game in nine open dates beats me.

But Dr. Bruce Hargar, Drury athletic director, said he understood the Lions' decision to knock the Panthers off the schedule, but would like to see the rivalry come to life again in the future.

Also, Southern could have pulled lowly Rockhurst College off its schedule instead of Drury. Rockhurst is a below-average NAIA program attempting to compete with teams in NCAA Division II.

But in the basketball program's eyes, Rockhurst was an easy victory and the Lions could not afford a loss to Drury, which defeated PSU last month.

This is a prime example of how much money means and how tradition has begun to dwindle. Southern saw the opportunity to grasp a quick \$8,000 for its basketball program, but left a long-time rival out in the cold. □

Rick Rogers

BASEBALL

Turner views opener educational for Lions

Southern begins at Oklahoma

By NICK PARKER
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Lion baseball team will begin its season Saturday in Norman, Okla., against the University of Oklahoma Sooners.

Head coach Warren Turner is looking forward to his team's season opener against the NCAA Division I defending champions. He says his team will get a "big education" in the next few weeks.

"They're going to get an education," Turner said. "It's like going to school, they're here for an education. It's just like going to math class; learning is why they are here. The team will gain a lot of experience from the game in Oklahoma."

The 31-player roster includes 14 returning lettermen, four returning squad members, and 13 newcomers.

The Lions were 12-3 in the MIAA and 31-17 overall last season. They placed third in the MIAA post-season tournament.

Entering his 19th season at Southern, Turner is 526-399-1.

Junior first baseman/outfielder Matt Nelson looks to himself and other returning players to provide leadership in the coming season.

"One of our strong points this season is good leadership," Nelson said. "We've got guys who have been here a while and they should be good leaders. We should get some good power from the middle of the lineup, Bryce Darnell, Tony Curro, and Chris Gold, and hopefully myself."

Turner, Nelson, and the rest of the Lions team are looking forward to the upcoming game in Oklahoma and the rest of the season.

"I'm real excited," Nelson said. "There'll be a good crowd in Oklahoma; there's a lot of excitement with the team right now."



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Freshmen Chuck Replogle goes to the plate during spring training. Southern is gearing up for its season opener Saturday vs. Oklahoma.

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Catcher Brad Ward said he came to Missouri Southern because of the competition and level of play he saw here while growing up in Neosho.

After Saturday's game against the Sooners, the Lions travel to Stillwater, Okla., to play the Oklahoma State University Cowboys Tuesday. □

FOOTBALL

Lantz corrals recruits

By RICK ROGERS
 SPORTS EDITOR

Twenty-three athletes including three quarterbacks inked letters of intent yesterday to play football at Missouri Southern next fall.

Even with three new quarterbacks in the system, head coach Jon Lantz said sophomore quar-



Lantz

terback David Haug still will be the leading prospect for the starting job.

"The quarterback position was a real priority," Lantz said. "It's still David Haug's job until one of the three put him out."

The three new quarterback signees are Andy Anderson, Rolla (Mo.) High School; Brad Cornelsen, Texhoma (Okla.) High School; and Mark Lloyd, Blue Springs (Mo.) High School.

Anderson, the son of University of Missouri-Rolla head coach Jim Anderson, was an all-state selection this past fall. Cornelsen was also an all-state selection in Oklahoma.

Along with three new quarterbacks, the Lions signed four defensive backs and wide receivers, including Edward Starks, a standout at Hazelwood (Mo.) East High School.

Lantz said this year's recruiting class could be the best in recent years.

"This is definitely one of the more athletic classes we have ever signed," he said. "But you never really know until two or three years from now."

Lantz said he thinks certain recruits could contribute to the Lions as early as next fall.

"I would say over half of these players have a chance to play right away," he said. "We have a need, especially at the defensive back and linebacker positions." □

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Lions paddle Riverwomen 76-60

By NICK PARKER
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Last night's 76-60 victory over the University of Missouri-St. Louis Riverwomen makes six straight victories for the Lady Lions.

At one point in the first half, Missouri Southern led by 13 points. The Riverwomen came back and made it 38-34 at the break. UMSL remained within striking distance throughout most of the game. It wasn't until late in the second half that Southern pulled away.

Southern's defense was the key to victory. Head coach Scott Ballard had his team giving the full-court press the entire game. The pressure allowed the Lady Lions to force several turnovers throughout the match.

Ballard said he has been impressed with the defensive play of his team in the last several games.

"The No. 1 thing is rebounding," he said. "If we can continue playing good defense and making good shots on our end of the court, then we'll win ball games."

Help came from all ranks in the roster in last night's 76-60 victory. Senior center Karen Loewe once again stepped up under the basket on both offense and defense. Freshman forward Sarah Beckley scored 10 points in six minutes during the second half.

Senior guard Sonya Harlin had 10 points, and sophomore center Mandy Shaw contributed 15 points to the victory.

The Lady Lions are now 14-5 overall and 8-1 in the MIAA. UMSL fell to 7-12 and 2-7. □

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Road woes persist for Lions

By RICK ROGERS
 SPORTS EDITOR

A pair of three-pointers late in the game hurdled the University of Missouri-St. Louis to a 91-83 victory over Missouri Southern last night at the Mark Twain Center in St. Louis.

Southern drops to 9-10 overall and 4-5 in the MIAA. The Lions are 2-7 on the road this season.

The Rivermen's 6-foot-1 senior guard Marcus Albert and 6-5 sophomore forward Rodney Hawthorne hit back-to-back three-pointers to give UMSL a six-point edge with less than a minute to play.

Head coach Robert Corn said the Lions' poor rebounding and free-throw shooting during the second half allowed the Rivermen (13-6 and 7-2) to take control late in the game.

"Rebounding let us down in the second half, and it has been like that all year long," Corn said. "We did a poor job. They got two rebounds off of free throws, and

then they hit two big 3s late in the game which really broke our back."

In a game that featured 17 lead changes and 11 ties, Southern's senior forward Terrance Sisson managed to contribute 29 points, 21 in the second half. Sisson, second in the MIAA in scoring at 23.8 points per game, earlier was named MIAA player of the week.

Junior forward Kevin Shorter added 16 points for the Lions. Corn said Shorter had the hot hand early in the second half, but had trouble getting away from the Rivermen's persistent zone defense.

"We did a poor job getting him the basketball," Corn said. "I don't know if after he made his last three-pointer that he took another shot."

Hawthorne, averaging about seven points a game, surprised Southern with a 26-point performance. "He (Hawthorne) played a great basketball game," Corn said. "That is one thing you can't afford to let happen. You can't let a guy just get 26 points against you like that." □



SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

SATURDAY

Women's Basketball: Southern at Washburn University, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Southern at Washburn University, 8 p.m.

Baseball: Southern at U. of Oklahoma, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball: Southern at Oklahoma St., 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Women's Basketball: SBU at Southern, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Southwest Baptist at Southern, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

1995 Conference Standings (1-31)

	Con.	Overall
1. Northeast Missouri	7-1	11-6
2. Central Missouri (13)	6-2	15-3
3. Washburn	6-2	13-5
4. Missouri-St. Louis	6-2	12-6
5. Missouri Western (11)	5-3	15-3
6. Missouri Southern	4-4	9-9
7. Pittsburg State	4-4	8-9
8. Southwest Baptist	3-5	12-6
9. Northwest Missouri	3-5	9-9
10. Emporia State	2-6	4-13
11. Missouri-Rolla	1-7	9-9
12. Lincoln	1-7	4-15

MIAA News & Notes

Missouri Southern's Terrance Sisson was selected MIAA Player of Week

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1995 Conference Standings (1-31)

	Con.	Overall
1. Missouri Western (4)	8-0	17-1
2. Missouri Southern	7-1	13-5
3. Southwest Baptist (7)	6-2	14-2
4. Washburn	6-2	14-4
5. Pittsburg State (14)	5-3	15-3
6. Central Missouri	4-4	13-5
7. Emporia State	4-4	10-7
8. Missouri-Rolla	3-5	9-9
9. Missouri-St. Louis	2-6	7-11
10. Northwest Missouri	2-6	5-12
11. Northwest Missouri	1-7	8-9
12. Lincoln	0-8	5-11

MIAA News & Notes

Missouri Western defeated Southwest Baptist 81-63 to remain in first place

INTRAMURALS

Hot Shot Contest:

Deadline: Feb. 3
 Play during league games

Racquetball Tourney:

Deadlines:
 Novice singles: Feb. 9
 Advanced singles: Feb. 20
 Doubles: March 1
 Mixed doubles: March 8

Bowling League:

Sign up begins: Feb. 13
 Deadline: Feb. 23
 Rules meeting: March 1
 Play Begins: March 1